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1. WHILE POST IS PLEASED AT PROSPECT OF HELPFUL PROFESSIONAL
ADVICE WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM PROPOSED RSO VISIT, WE NOTE
THAT RESULTANT DELAY IN FUND ALLOCATION WOULD BE UNHELPFUL IN
RESOLVING LONG-STANDING COUNTER-TERRORISM SECURITY PROBLEMS
WHICH EVEN UNDER FAVORABLE CIRCUMSTANCES WILL REQUIRE MANY
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MORE MONTHS FOR RESOLUTION.

2. WE QUESTION WHETHER ADDITIONAL SECURITY OFFICER VISIT IS NECESSARY. PROPOSALS ARE NOT NEW. THEY HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED, REVIEWED, AND MODIFIED CONSIDERABLY FOR MORE THAN A YEAR AND A HALF. EXTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS ON THE GROUND HAVE BEEN CARRIED ON BY THE PSO WITH RSO DROTOS (TWICE), RTSO DROIG (TWICE), RSO O'HARE (ONCE), AND WITH THE MTT (KELLY AND THOMAS). COPIOUS SY PROVIDED DATA ON MATERIALS AND PRICES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED, STUDIED, AND REVIEWED. LEXAN SAMPLES WERE SUPPLIED BY RTSO ADDIS AND INSTALLED SUCCESSFULLY HERE UNDER PSO DIRECTION SEVERAL MONTHS AGO. ALARM SYSTEM BELLS AND TRANSFORMER WAS SUPPLIED BY RTCO., ETC. ETC. LOCAL GUARD FORCES WERE IMPROVED IN RESPONSE TO RSO EVALUATION AND ADVICE, ETC. ETC.

3. IN VIEW OF PARAS ONE AND TWO ABOVE WE QUESTION WHY RSO WOULD NOW CONSIDER ANOTHER ON-SITE REVIEW NECESSARY BEFORE APPROVAL. WE PRESUME THAT THE VISITS, DISCUSSIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS OVER THE PAST YEAR AND A HALF BY RSO DROTOS AND RTSO DROIG WERE MADE A MATTER OF RECORD AND THAT THEIR JUDGMENTS ARE CONSIDERED RELIABLE.

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